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WAR WIDOWS appealed to President Macapagal-Arroyo to stop throwing more troops into battle in Sulu and Basilan to avoid a further bloodbath, and senators warned an all-out war could cost the government P1 billion a month.

American troops aboard Humvee spotted leading military convoy



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Amnesty could cover Erap–Gonzalez

By Michael Lim Ubac

DEPOSED PRESIDENT Joseph Estrada could be covered by the "all-encompassing" amnesty bill to be filed by Speaker Jose de Venecia, according to Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez.

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Dry spell is over for most of Luzon

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Senate committees formed today; RP-Japan pact on tap

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE SENATE IS EXpected to complete the organization of its committees today, three weeks after the 14th Congress opened.

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Among the priority measures on tap is the ratification of the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (Jpepa).

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, foreign relations committee chair, said she was ready to hold hearings on the controversial agreement which would define the economic relationship between Japan and the Philippines.

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Another priority measure is the cheaper medicines bill that was [illegible] in the last Congress.

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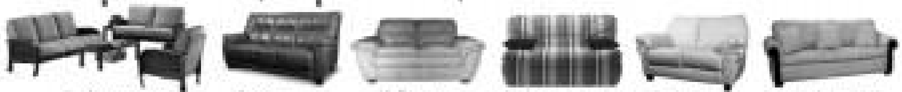
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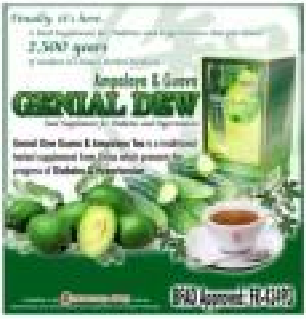
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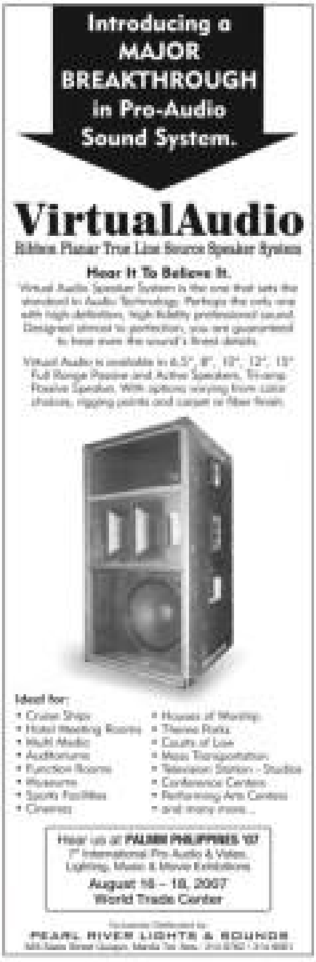
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A CALL TO EXTEND CARP BEYOND 2008 AND RETAIN THE DAR CENTRAL OFFICE IN METRO MANILA

We, officers of the Department of Agrarian Reform Employees Association (DAREA), are urging Her Excellency Pres. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to certify as urgent a bill that would extend the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) beyond 2008.

CARP extension is needed to complete redistribution of an estimated 1,197,422 hectares to about 764,380 potential Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs).

The program extension would also consolidate the gains of agrarian reform and solidify the hold of some 2,000,000 ARBs who are now the proud owners of some 6,400,000 hectares of land that the DAR and DENR have distributed since the program started in 1988. It has been described by former COMELEC Chairman Christian S. Monsod as the ***"largest land transfer accomplishment of any agrarian reform program in the world"***.

Furthermore, there is a need to maintain billions worth of infrastructures that the Agrarian Reform Fund (ARF) and international donors have funded for the 1,725 Agrarian Reform Communities nationwide. DAR's foreign-assisted projects since 1994 amounting to 50 billion pesos speak of DAR's good reputation in implementing internationally assisted and funded projects.

CARP has proven itself to be an effective anti-poverty alleviation program since ARBs have registered higher incomes than non-ARBs as confirmed by studies commissioned by the World Bank (WB) and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA).

The economic gains have also translated into improved social and cultural standing as ARBs benefited from social programs being implemented in line with the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

The 2005 Human Development Report for the Philippines also acknowledges the contribution of land distribution to the reduction of armed conflict.

At the same time, we are urging you to reconsider your directive to relocate the DAR Main Office to Davao due to the following reasons:

1. Relocating the DAR Central Office to Davao may disrupt inter-agency coordination among the 11 CARP implementing agencies and stakeholders whose offices are located in Metro Manila.

Relocating the DAR Central Office to Davao will have negative impact on inter-agency mechanisms, which may set back many of the gains that the DAR has painstakingly worked on in its 19 years of program implementation.

Notwithstanding the availability of modern technology, interpersonal coordination is still the best way to push a social reform program like CARP. More so, DAR and its partner agencies and institutions have not yet installed the facilities to operationalize a system based on advance electronic/digital technology. Installing such system requires time to train the personnel who will use them.

More importantly, resources to acquire and install the technology are not yet available considering that your administration is still fighting a relatively large budget deficit.

Through the years, DAR has gained plenty of political goodwill and has parlayed this to mobilize foreign and local resources for CARP. The present move to relocate DAR Central Office to Davao may antagonize the CARP-friendly forces since they were not even consulted on this matter.

At this critical juncture of the program, DAR needs more allies. In return, these allies need to have easy access to DAR Central Office.

2. The Relocation of DAR Central Office to Davao Negates the Present Austerity Measures of the Government

DAR shall be forced to pay dislocation and transportation allowances to about 1,500 DAR employees to be affected by this proposal. At P15, 000.00 per employee this easily translates to P22, 500,000.00.

Add to this the cost of rentals and office furnishing and the cost of transporting the vital documents from the present DAR Central Office to Davao. Immediately after the SONA of PGMA, the DAR has proposed a P350-million budget to defray the cost of DARCO's transfer to Davao but eventually indorsed to the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC) P250M for the construction and furnishing of a new DAR Central Office building in Davao.

Certainly, there are other more urgent programs to which these expenditures may be channeled.

Corollary to this is the fact that relocating DAR to Davao does not meet any urgent or compelling national goal or objective.

3. Relocating the DAR Main Office to Davao would displace and fragment at least 1,500 DAR employee-families whose residences are located in Metro Manila and surrounding areas.

Relocating the DAR Main Office to Davao would dislocate some 1,500 DAR employees, according to data provided by the DAREA National Office. These employees have established their residences in housing projects financed by the government in Metro Manila and nearby areas.

These families have taken roots in their respective communities and relocating a member of the family, especially if it involves the mother or the father, would cause or aggravate dysfunctional families. It may in turn contribute to juvenile delinquency as children of DAR employees are deprived of parental guidance.

The welfare of the family is an obligation imposed on the State. Our present Constitution provides in Section 1, Art. XV that: "The State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development."

Furthermore, the Constitution commands the State "to defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development (Sec 3 (2), Art. XV)".

The cost of social displacement and fragmentation of families to be affected by this relocation cannot be measured in monetary value.

As a devoted mother to your children and wife to your husband, you are very well aware of the perils that a family faces if one of its members, especially if it were the mother or father, will be separated from the family.

Madam President, like your father before you, you are in a privileged position to implement an agrarian reform program that would uplift the lives of millions of our kababayans. Hence, we are calling on you to use your vast executive powers and certify as urgent a bill that would extend CARP beyond 2008.

At the same time, we implore you to retain the DAR Central Office at its present location in Quezon City.

August 8, 2007, Hinulawan, Pangasinan.

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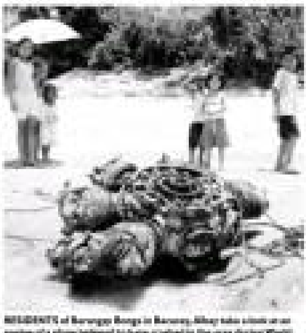


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President, MCM Medical Staff Organization

Medical Center Manila (MCM) celebrates its RUBY anniversary: 40 years of masterful, compassionate, cost-contained medical service to the community. Like a precious ruby, MCM has over the years, become polished and multi-faceted. A ruby's intense fiery red color is paralleled by MCM's intense sense of purpose: to continue to provide quality, world class affordable health care.



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There has been a renewed interest from the young, brilliant and promising graduates of the foremost medical colleges in the country to join MCM's select roster of 176 active, 246 visiting, and 5 courtesy medical staff. The graduates of the EAC College of Medicine and College of Nursing, as well as the graduates of its various paramedical colleges naturally gravitate to MCM for clinical experience through the hospital's accredited training programs. This continuously provides the hospital with a full- complement of qualified professionals.

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On the occasion of MCM's 40th anniversary, the hospital administration, headed by Dr. Jose Paulo E. Campos, UPSI President and Dra. Asuncion Abaya-Morido, MCM Hospital Director, and the MCM Medical Staff led by Dr. Napoleon Apolinario, MSO President, reiterate their commitment to ensure that MCM being an institution that provides comprehensive health care to more than 50,000 patients will remain relevant, progressive, competitive and sensitive.

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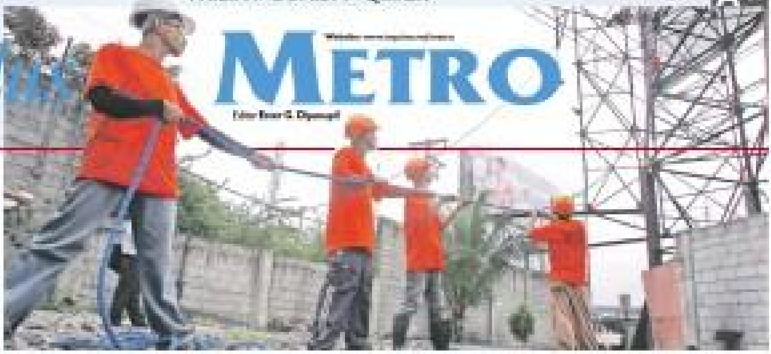
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Foes cheer exit of Bush's master strategist



AFTER his resignation was announced on the White House lawn, Karl Rove hugs President George W. Bush. AP FOTO

WASHINGTON—POLITICAL OPPONENTS CELEbrated the resignation of master White House strategist Karl Rove, while a leading US daily on Tuesday urged Congress to press forward with its investigation of President George W. Bush's trusted adviser.

The influential New York Times called on lawmakers to pursue its probe into Rove's role in the firing of several federal prosecutors and other efforts to politicize government in Washington.

"Congress needs to use all its power to bring Mr. Rove back to Washington to testify—in public and under oath—about how he used his office to put politics above the interests of the American people," the Times' editorial wrote on Tuesday, one day after Rove announced his departure effective Aug. 31.

Rove is the latest key aide to leave Bush's side, reflecting the US leader's waning powers in the twilight of his second term.

Rove, the architect of Bush's 2000 and 2004 election triumphs as well as the Republican rout in the 2002 congressional polls, said he would quit as deputy White House chief of staff on Aug. 31, and paid tribute to Bush's "far-sighted courage."

Democrats, who avenged their string of defeats to Rove only by seizing control of both chambers of Congress last year, cheered his departure.

"Goodbye, good riddance," said Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards in a terse statement.

Another 2008 Democratic hopeful, Sen. Barack Obama, was also scathing. "Karl Rove was an architect of a political strategy that has left the country more divided, the special interests more powerful, and the American people more shut out from their government than any time in memory," he said.

Senate judiciary committee chief Patrick Leahy, who subpoenaed Rove in a row over the firing of federal prosecutors which critics say was for political ends, accused Rove of putting himself above the law.

"There is a cloud over this White House and a gathering storm. A similar cloud envelops Mr. Rove, even as he leaves the White House," Leahy said.

Rove delivered his bombshell in an interview with The Wall Street Journal, then appeared before the cameras with Bush.

"I'm grateful to have been witness to history," said Rove, who is revered as a genius by Republicans.

Bush praised Rove for making "enormous sacrifices" and, in a nod to his own impending retirement, said: "I will be on the road behind you here in a little bit."

Rove masterminded Bush's victories by appealing to conservatives and disdaining conventional wisdom that US elections are won from the centre. But he failed in his ultimate political ambition of piecing together an enduring conservative ruling majority.

Rove, dubbed by some critics as "Bush's brain" and vilified by the president as "boy genius," had been expected to stay until Bush leaves office in January 2009.

"It seems the right time to start thinking about the next chapter in our family's life," he said.

Critics said a big part of the Rove legacy is the divisiveness which reached a fever pitch in Washington during his tenure.

The Washington Post noted on Tuesday that partisan machinations did not secure lasting control of Congress—lost since the beginning of the year by opposition Democrats—for Bush's Republican party.

"He should be judged on his own terms—as the would-be architect of a long-lasting Republican majority," the newspaper opined.

"If the manufactured polarization of the Bush-Rove years did not even serve its ostensible purpose, then what was the good of it?" the Post editorial wrote.

Rove will now be absent from the next White House's political battle with Congress, expected in September when the top US general and American diplomat in Iraq deliver a progress report on Bush's war strategy. AFP

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Arrest warrant for Thaksin

BANGKOK—A Thai judge on Tuesday issued arrest warrants for ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and his wife in connection with a corruption case against the couple. [illegible]

200 dead in N. Korea floods

SEOUL—Severe floods caused by days of heavy rains in North Korea have left at least 200 people dead or missing [illegible]

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GHAZNI, AFGHANISTAN—Taliban leaders and South Korean officials were continuing negotiations [illegible]

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BEIJING—At least 22 people were killed and 46 were missing after a bridge under construction in a popular Chinese tourist town collapsed [illegible]

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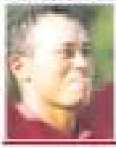
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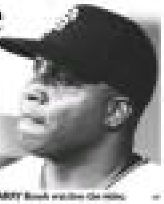
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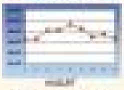
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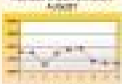
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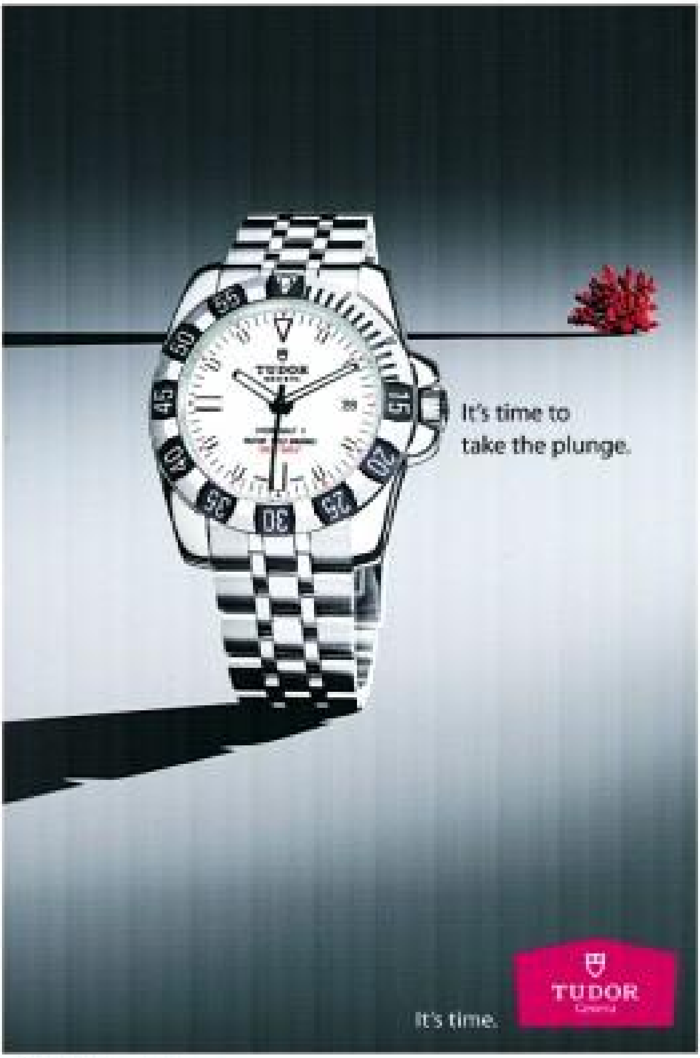


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Jollibee profit up 26% at ₱1.32B

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Benpres net profit slipped 6% to ₱1.78B in 1st half

Alaska income surges 156%

eTelecare trims Q3 profit forecast

Economy seen hitting growth goal

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MOTORING

Motor show proves car industry firming up



Lee

AMID SNAZZY CAR models and display of high-tech gadgetry, the recently concluded First Philippine International Motor Show proves that the country's car industry is starting to firm up.

Triumph

Increased investments

Road machines represent future of Philippine car market

First glimpse

Hardly noticeable



THE CONCEPT CT has a rocket-inspired design and a hybrid system.

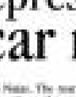


FROM SEOUL TO SOUL. The funky urban runabout is a design collaboration between Kia's California and Korean design studios.

Comfortable, convenient Carnival



ON THE ROAD



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

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Family values

Convenience



BUSINESS

Gov't puts up emergency fund to help small banks

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE GOVERNMENT HAS CREATED a P800-million emergency lending facility for small banks affected by natural disasters.

The state-owned Land Bank of the Philippines, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. yesterday signed a memorandum of agreement to implement the government's Countryside Financial Institutions Calamity Assistance Program (CFI-CAP).

Thrift banks, rural banks and cooperative banks with clients hit hard by natural disasters are eligible to tap the facility to continue their operations, as long as these lenders have a capital adequacy ratio of at least 10 percent before the calamity.

LBP sets aside P200M for loan facility

The loan is payable in seven years at an interest rate of [illegible] percent a year. Post-dated checks will be used as collateral.

The funds are available within one year from the time a calamity is declared by the National Disaster Coordinating Council or Malacañang.

"Given our country's history, this calamity assistance program will be most helpful to countryside areas where many of our poor reside," BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said.

"Among others, the Philippines lies along the Western Pacific Basin, which is the world's busiest typhoon belt. We are also part of the circum-Pacific seismic belt ringed by major tectonic plates and volcanoes," Tetangco added.

Under the program, Landbank will open up the P800 million lending window using its own funds.

The BSP and PDIC, on the other hand, will provide a loan guarantee and help identify the countryside financial institutions affected by natural calamities.


TETANGCO

Landbank president Gilda Pico said the CFI-CAP will help countryside financial institutions rebuild their financial foundation, regain their viability and enhance their long-term stability.

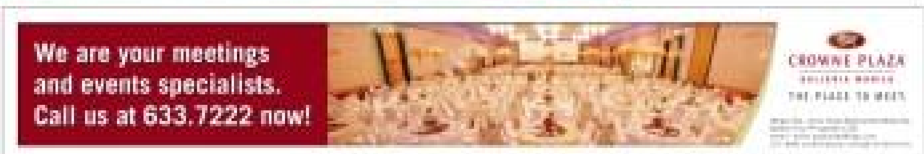
"The CFI-CAP is consistent with our goal of helping ensure that they [lenders] will be able to continue serving the banking and other financial needs of our people, especially those in the countryside—even amid challenging times or conditions," she said.

PDIC officer in charge [illegible] added: "This program gives substance to the adage, 'Bawal sumabaw after rain.'"

A World Bank study indicated that calamities that destroy crops, property and infrastructure have been a major cause of poverty especially in the countryside.







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LIFESTYLE

Editor: Chito Dela Paz Pamintuan Chief of Correspondents: Pam Pastor

The First Time chronicles

We at 2bU! are anti-boredom. We don't believe in letting ourselves, and you for that matter, fall into a routine rut. We've learned that one secret to achieving this is to constantly do new things. This week, we asked different people to share stories of their unforgettable first-time experiences—from something as crazy as skydiving or exploring unknown territories to something as simple as learning to change tires or fly a kite. It doesn't matter, really. Because nothing beats the first time.



Alone for a month

Ho-hum, this living alone business was kind of overrated

By [illegible]
2bU! Contributor

I WOKE UP TO THE sound of lightning striking a large boulder, or so I thought. It was more like a big bulldozer plowing through our street. I was given only a few hours to move my car from our garage, because they were about to dig up our whole block.

I panicked. I knew they were going to dig up my street sooner or later, but I didn't think they'd do it this abruptly! I quickly called my newlywed [illegible], Chino. He had this empty condo unit with rent already paid for until the end of July. He and his wife had moved to a bigger apartment, and a few weeks back, he offered the place to his friends. Now I had to take it.

It was destiny because in a matter of minutes I was packed and ready to go to my new studio-type unit. For the first time in my life, I was going to live alone.

The first "morning" was weird. I wore my standard black shirt, baggy cargo shorts and Crocs, and went out to get something to eat. Everyone was wearing office clothes except me! Then I went to the nearby Starbucks and said in straight English: "Good morning, can I have a tall orange juice and a chicken teriyaki sandwich, please?"

The kind barista replied, "Sir, good afternoon na po!"

A few days after, I bought a Japanese surplus 14-inch Sony TV and a generic DVD player. My TV at home was too big and heavy to carry and I needed something to keep me sane. I also borrowed my girlfriend's radio.

During my one-month stay in the unit, I was able to watch the sixth season of "24," as well as "Rambo 1-3," "Lethal Weapon 1-4" and other movies. I also finished Neil Gaiman's "Sandman" books one to seven and other graphic novels. I think I was also able to drink around 50 one-liter bottles of C2 Green Tea and five fresh milk cartons.

That's what you end up doing if you don't have a PC and Internet access. Instead, I had to use my Motorola ROKR to surf.

It was nice to have a 24-hour [illegible] within walking distance, but usually the store staff was already grumpy by 1 a.m. The money I saved on gas expenses was used for food. And there was plenty of food—plenty but expensive. I missed my Mom's home cooking.

I cleaned my small space using folded tissue paper, because I didn't have a broom. Later, I bought cheap [illegible] on the streets [illegible] to minimize my [illegible] consumption. I had to clean my room every day because the air vents kept spewing large amounts of dust and lint. I think it needed cleaning, but I didn't dare touch it.

I went home to QC at least once a week to have my dirty laundry cleaned, and to get new clothes, of

ALONE P3

First day high

Author tries on high heels and hip-hop



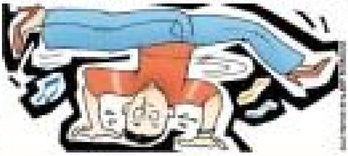
Stepping into woman's world



STEPPING out in heels



CLASSMATES from the dance class



Day of dares



GOOFING off after dance class

While the activities left me with little more than a battered body and a bruised ego, they made my otherwise humdrum life a little less ordinary

Little spasms



Tough work

Firsts and that sense of self



Or, new sensations and the late bloomer

DLSU-M introduces new 'Star Scholars'

Fund-raising party

Alone for a month

What is an actor with no credentials in the food business doing opening an eatery?



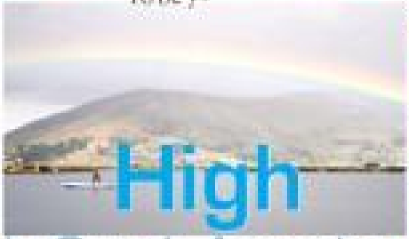


May the gods of commerce help me

By Ping Medina

What it takes

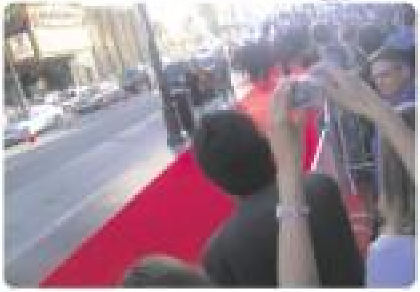
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High in South America

Get an oxygen fix before surveying Lake Titicaca, the highest navigable lake in the world

SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW!





From the other side of the red carpet

Hollywood star-spotting is a full-time job



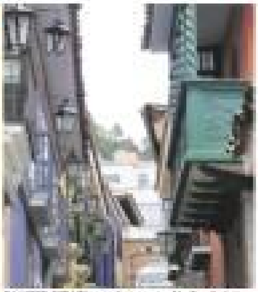
SIGHTSEEING in Hollywood





High in South America

How to do it



Skydiving in Malaysia



I enjoyed something close to the real thing—simulated skydiving



The last time I did something for the first time

Paddle or die

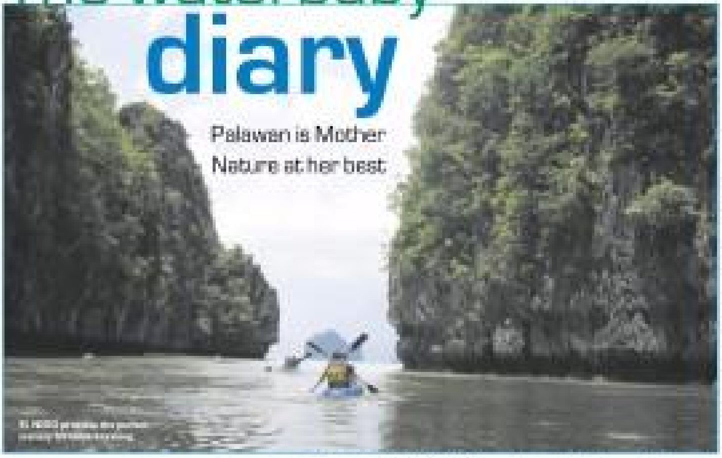


Accident

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The waterbaby diary

Palawan is Mother Nature at her best







Snake Island

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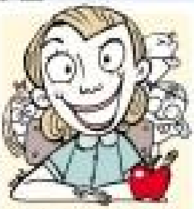
Several years back, I took the then very new Super Ferry to Davao and spent listless days at sea

A trip of many firsts

By Rosa Villanueva
2BU Contributor

SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUating from college, something totally unexpected happened: I burned out. I was not only having problems with my boss, I was also unhappy working with proofreaders. It got so bad that my boss not only refused to sign my regularization papers, she also suggested that I take a week off.

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A teacher for the first time

It's been fun, challenging and seriously fulfilling since Day 1

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Resistance and challenge

The wages of independenc

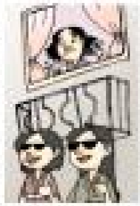
Of late payments, cup noodles and living alone

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Attempt No. 1



Attempt No. 2



Attempt No. 3







Date with dolp

At the sight of the dashing creatures, one is reduced to a delighted kid

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A trip of many firsts

Not a breeze

New friends

In Davao then back

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Erase and rewind

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Of all the kites I ever flew...





...Most came down, except the ones I flew during a recent kite festival in Katipunan



LIFESTYLE

Miss Kelly on the line

An exclusive phone chat with former Destiny's Child turned solo artist Kelly Rowland, at 4 a.m. Manila time



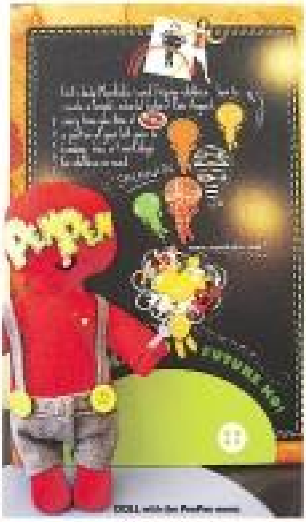
IT WAS 4 A.M., AND I was groggy, waiting anxiously for a phone call. But I wasn't complaining. Because on the other line would be former Destiny's Child turned solo artist Kelly Rowland.

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Comfort food for a cause

PenPen offers Pinoy specialties at affordable but hearty servings. It also contributes to people's causes





New role

Gourmet Pinoy

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Bamboo does The South

Penshoppe's "ambassadors of music and style" conquer Cebu

Phone for multi-taskers













Instant spa convert

I had put off going to the spa for a long time. What a fantastic experience it turned out to be

Soap for ageless beauty



Pamper haven south of the metropolis



Luxurious spa treatments



FINALISTS of the Transfusion in Tupperware contest

Beyond storage



TRANSFORMING Tupperware

Text by Bianca Consunji
2bU Correspondent
Photos by Jonas Herrera

THROUGH THE DECADES, people have seen Tupperware items in all forms and shapes: as cookie jars, as plastic forks and spoons, and as dinner plates, among others. But has anyone looked at Tupperware and seen the potential for a Transformers robot, or a bedside lamp?

For the students of De La Salle University-College of St. Benilde (DLSU-CSB), there's more to Tupperware than storage containers and plastic spoons.

Tupperware recently announced the winners of this year's Transfusion in Tupperware Global Design Contest among customers and designers from around the world. The contest, which was opened exclusively to the design students of DLSU-CSB this year, was created with the aim of discovering art pieces made out of primarily Tupperware materials.

"In the past two years, this competition was limited to our sales force, distributors and the Tupperware head office associates," said Yvette Navarro, country head of Tupperware Philippines. "This year, we have decided to partner with a school because we want to give Filipino students a chance to explore and discover their potential through the competition."

The panel of judges included DLSU-CSB Design Department faculty member Patrick Sicam, Industrial Design chairperson Roberto Bernardo, Multimedia Arts coordinator Leo Santos, Academic Council coordinator Veronica Bolata, Dean of School of Design and Arts Gerard Torres, and Tupperware senior marketing manager Mari Reyes.

The criteria included creativity, craftsmanship, originality and functionality.

Five winners were chosen from the entries sent by the students. They were Ronald Collado, Gino Ferrell C. Cervantes, Anthony Brian G. Cruz, Aries Benedicto and Emilio Rafael E. Venezuela. Cruz, who created a Transformer-like robot from Tupperware pieces, won third prize. Cervantes, who crafted a motorbike from spoons, forks and coasters, walked away with second prize.

Collado, the grand prize winner, shaped a lobster from various kitchen tools. He received P5,000 worth of Tupperware Brand-Control products. He will also represent the country in the Global Judging Event in Orlando, Florida, USA.

E-mail the author at [illegible]



WITH executives of Tupperware



Stylish time



NOWADAYS, A WATCH IS AS MUCH of an accessory as it is a time planner, so look sporty or stylish with a watch to suit your lifestyle.

Time Depot, a concept-watch store, carries some of the latest brands to suit your needs: Nautica is for on-the-go people who want to look smart all the time; Casio is great for students; D&G is perfect for the fashion-conscious crowd, while Invicta is the bold player of the athletic crowd.

Time Depot is located at Robinsons Place Manila, Rockwell Powerplant Mall, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Eastwood City Walk, SM Southmall and SM Mall of Asia.









FASHIONABLE watches from Time Depot

Street couture with a difference



WAREHOUSE HAS A NEW LOCATION that is glamorous yet accessible.

From ultra-sexy playsuits, voluminous maxi-dresses and eye-catching headwear, to everyday tees and knits, corporate dressing essentials, to classy formal dresses, Warehouse has every item emphasizing fit, quality and style.

Warehouse is located at The Podium.







KNIT shrug (P349.75); teal-blue tube top (P459.75); khaki shorts (P529.75)

Liberated young fashion

YOUNG FASHION IS EMBODIED BY Liberte, available exclusively at Robinsons Department Store.

Mix and match Liberte's tops, jeans and skirts with Liberte shoes.

Don Liberte's teal-blue tube top, khaki shorts and a knit shrug. Finish off the look with wedge sandals.

Wear Liberte's floral button-down top, a white pencil skirt and comfy ballet flats.

Another hot combination is the pin-striped peasant top, black pencil skirt and patent flats.

In school, try on Liberte's eyelet sleeveless top, denim Bermuda pants matched with a pair of chic sandals or a floral ruffled halter top paired with white pants and ballet flats.



FLORAL button-down top (P499.75); white pencil skirt (P549.75); ballet flats (P499.75), all from Liberte, exclusively available at Robinsons Department Store

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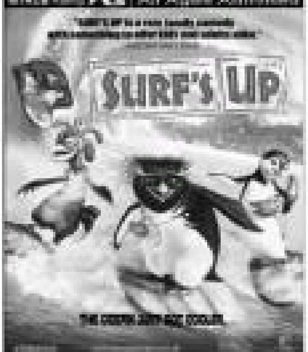
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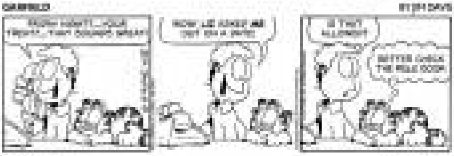
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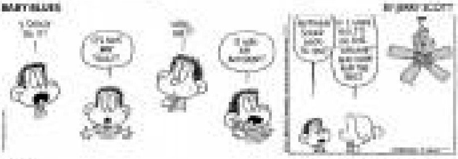
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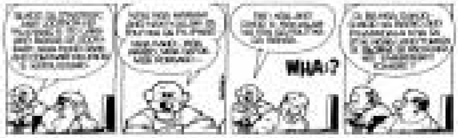
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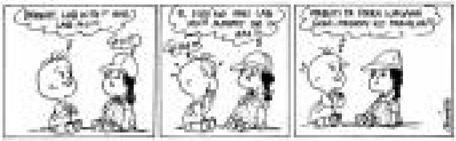
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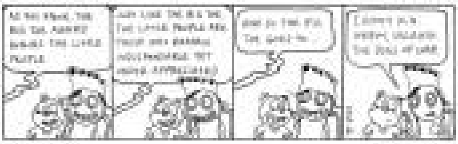
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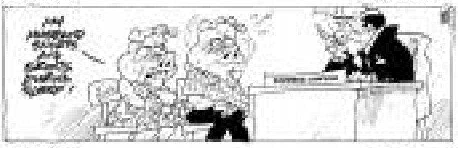
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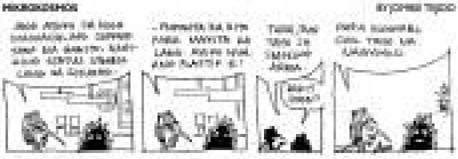
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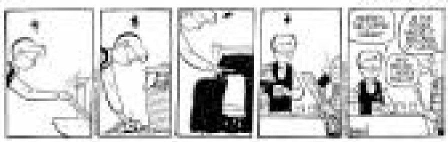
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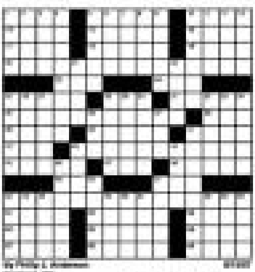
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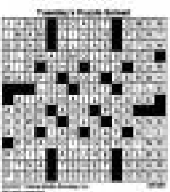


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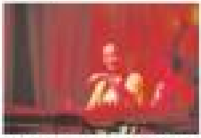
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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle





When folk instruments are used to play jazz, the delight is multiplied ten-fold



Twelve Girls were here







The wonder of it all

Joyous reception

Review

Showmanship





Looking out for Angel



ALI SOTTO

By Marinel R. Cruz

Ali Sotto says she's not breaking her promise to son Miko

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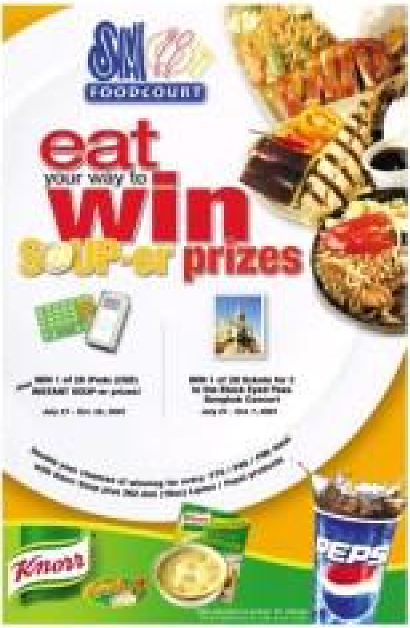
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—Marinel R. Cruz











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Irritants in the theater

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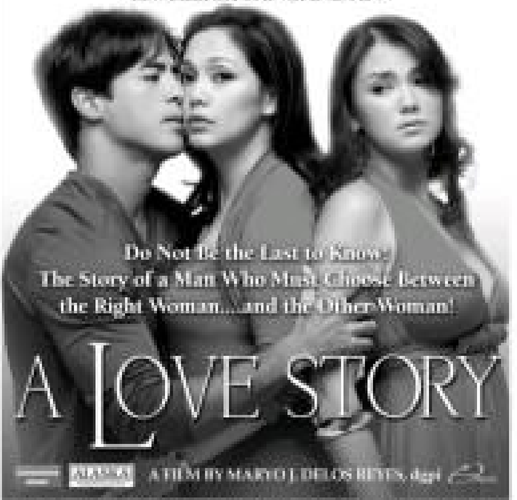
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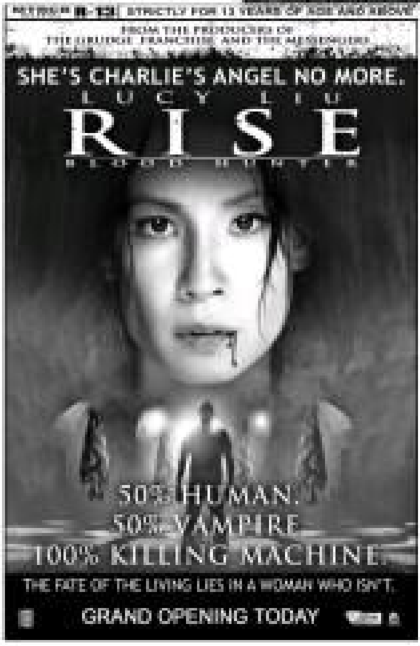
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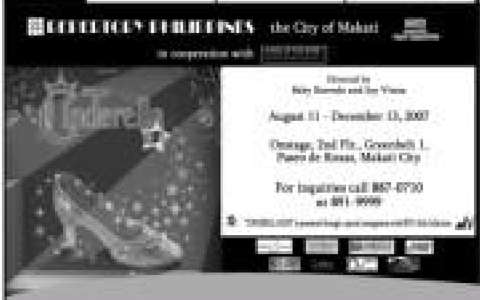


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Daddy's girl also cares about mom



CARLO J. Caparas and Donna Villa

Dolly Wood

Dolly Anne Carvajal



Before Juday

Fully recovered

Something big

DADDY'S A7

Opening Today

A Love Story

Stars: Maricel Soriano, Aga Muhlach, Angelica Panganiban

Directed by Maryo J. de los Reyes

Surf's Up

Directed by Ash Brannon and Chris Buck

The Bourne Ultimatum

Stars: Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, Joan Allen, David Strathairn

Directed by Paul Greengrass

Rise: Blood Hunter

Stars: Lucy Liu, Michael Chiklis, James D'Arcy, Carla Gugino

Directed by Sebastian Gutierrez

Quentin, 'son of Cirio'

By the Inquirer and Inq.net Entertainment Staff



LIKE FATHER... / Cirio and Quentin

Merv Griffin; 82

Beyonce for Armani



Rushes

Top of the talk shows